

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL CENTRE IN BRAZIL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has set up its cultural centre in Brazil;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the extent to which both countries will be benefited by the said cultural centre?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No.

(b) A Joint Communiqué released after the visit of the Prime Minister to Brazil from 11-14 September 2006, inter alia, stated that both the countries would shortly be opening Cultural Centres in Sao Paulo and in New Delhi.

(c) Both India and Brazil are members of the IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) grouping which spans continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America. India and Brazil are large continental sized countries with social diversity, democratic form of government, a multi-ethnic population, and a large population base. There is enormous interest in Brazil in India's culture, religion, performing arts and philosophy. As a major country in Latin America, Indians would also like to know more about Brazil. These Centres would act as catalysts for more systematic interactions in diverse fields.